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The Honorable William L. Dawson Chairman, Committee on Government Operations U. S. House of Representatives Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Chairman:

This is in further reply to your letter of 16 March 1955 requesting the comments of this Agency on H. R. 4918, a bill to amend section 3 of the Travel Expense Act of 1949, as amended, to provide an increased maximum per dien: allowance for subsistence and travel expenses, and for other purposes.

This Agency feels that it would be desirable to have H. R. 4918 enacted into law. In view of current living costs, it is difficult for employees to subsist within the present \$9.00 per diem allowance, and an increase of that allowance, as provided in H. R. 4918, would be quite equitable. Under certain conditions an actual expense basis, as proposed in this bill, would also be helpful.

OGC:WLP/blc (5 Apr. 55) Orig. & 2 - Add.	Respectfully,
 James Hyde (Bur. of Budget) Signer Legis. Counsel w/basic DD/S Comptroller 	SIENED C. F. CABELL Lieutenant General, USAF Acting Director
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